



Congressman Jon Porter

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As your Representative in Congress, I am proud to represent the Third Congressional District, one of the fastest growing regions in the United States.

In order to keep the citizens of the Third District better informed and up to date on my activities in Washington, DC and here in Nevada, I have started the New Year by publishing my first edition of this monthly newsletter. It is my goal to provide you with the information you need to stay informed on the

issues important to Nevada. In this edition of my Monthly Update I have focused on events including President Bush's State of the Union Address, Nevada's legal fight against Yucca Mountain, and protecting consumers against fraud.

Nevada's Legal Fight to Stop Yucca Mountain



Congressman Porter with Nevada Attorney General Brian Sandoval Outside the US Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia

Stopping Yucca Mountain is an issue important to all Nevadans, and my battle against the proposed nuclear waste repository has spanned nearly two decades. On January 15, 2004, Nevada brought its fight to the US Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Nevada.

I was proud to be present at the hearing with Nevada's Attorney General Brian Sandoval and our world-class legal team, headed up by Mr. Joseph Egan. We could not ask for a more competent and capable group of men and women that the team than has been put together by the State of Nevada.

For the first time in 20-years, the Department of Energy, Environmental Protection Agency, and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission will be held accountable for actions taken in the

Yucca Mountain project. It is clear these agencies have not followed the intent of the Nuclear Waste Policy Act, and the DC Court of Appeals has now begun to hear the legal challenges filed by the State of Nevada.

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President Bush Delivers State of the Union Address to Congress



On January 20, President George W. Bush delivered the annual State of the Union address to a joint session of Congress in Washington, DC. The State of the Union is a tradition established in the United States Constitution which states "The president shall from time to time give to Congress information of the State of the Union and recommend to their Consideration such measures as he shall judge necessary and expedient" (Article II, Section 3, US Constitution).

President Bush delivered a powerful speech that set a positive, forward-looking tone that will allow our nation to continue to build upon the historic accomplishments of the past year. We are meeting our priorities at home and abroad, but there is much to be done to continue to make America more prosperous, secure, and hopeful. Thanks to the bold Leadership of President Bush, the most recent economic indicators are showing tremendous growth. I support the President's proposal to make tax cuts permanent, as well as a number of initiatives to help Americans afford quality health care. Additionally, we must stay the course on creating jobs by investing more in the workforce. I am proud to be the sponsor of legislation to do just that in the form of HR 444, the Back to Work Incentive Act.

I also support the President's commitment to fighting the War on Terror. We must continue to support our men and women in the armed forces, and provide them with the resources they need to combat the threat of terror. We need to do all that we can to protect our homeland.

While I may not agree with the President on every issue, I do believe that he offered a vision of great goals and challenges. I look forward to working with my colleagues in the House of Representatives to make our nation a better place to live and work.

Focus on Nevada: Two Porter Appointees Accepted to US Military Academy



Recently I was honored to learn that two Southern Nevada teenagers from Nevada's Third Congressional District were accepted to the US Military Academy at West Point, NY.

Jacqueline Jarl, a Las Vegas resident and senior at Palo Verde High School, and Nelson James Muniz, a resident of Boulder City and senior at Valley High School, will begin attending West

Point in July of this year. Both Jacqueline and Nelson rank at the top of their class and have strong academic credentials. In addition, Jacqueline is the president of the Palo Verde Science Club and volunteers at a local hospital while Nelson is active in Valley High's Junior ROTC program serving as Battalion Commander.

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I was proud to nominate these two young adults, and I congratulate them on their appointment to the US Military Academy, one of the most prestigious educational and military institutions in the world. I am confident that these two students will excel in whatever endeavors they choose and will make our state and country proud. I wish them both the best of luck.

To be considered for an appointment to a service academy, an applicant must meet certain eligibility requirements established by law and be nominated from an authorized person, including a Member of the US House of Representatives. Students who are interested in being nominated should contact my office in Henderson in the spring of their junior year in high school. For more information on nominations to the US Service Academies please visit the "students" section of my website (<http://www.house.gov/porter/>) or call my office at 702-387-4941.

Financial Literacy: Earning a Lifetime of Dividends

National Consumer Protection Week, February 1-7



Protecting the rights and freedoms of consumers in Nevada and across the country is vital to our economy and the ability to do business on a day to day basis.

February 1-7, 2004 has been designated National Consumer Protection Week (NCPW) to highlight protection and education efforts across the county. The subject of National Consumer Protection Week

2004 is financial literacy. For more information on NCPW please visit <http://www.consumer.gov/ncpw>.

While National Consumer Protection Week takes place only once a year, looking out for consumers is an everyday job. The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) serves as our nation's consumer protection champion. The FTC works for consumers to prevent fraud, deception, and unfair business practices in the marketplace. Consumers can contact the FTC for free information on a wide range of issues. For more information on what the FTC can do, you can call toll-free at 1-877-FTC-HELP or visit online at <http://www.ftc.gov>. In addition, I have included a variety of consumer protection links and information on my webpage, available at <http://www.house.gov/porter>.

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Should you require any additional information, if you would like to inform me of your views, or if you require assistance with your interactions with the Federal Government, please contact me anytime in either my Henderson, NV or Washington, DC office.

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